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THE ROLE OF U.S. LEADERSHIP IN A CHANGING WORLD

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MODERATED Q&A

WITH AUDIENCE QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ADVANCE

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THE HONORABLE
TOM RIDGE

Tom Ridge is Chairman of Ridge Global, providing clients with solutions to cybersecurity, international security, and risk management issues.

Following the tragic events of September 11th, 2001, Tom Ridge became the first Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and, on January 24, 2003, became the first Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Tom Ridge was twice elected Governor of Pennsylvania, serving as the state's 43rd governor from 1995 to 2001. Governor Ridge's aggressive technology strategy helped fuel the state's advances in economic development, education, health care, and the environment.

He serves as Chairman of the National Organization on Disability (NOD), as Co-Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Study Panel on Biodefense, and serves on the board of the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress and other private and public entities.

He graduated from Harvard with honors. After his first year at Penn State University's Dickinson School of Law, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served as an infantry staff sergeant in Vietnam, earning the Bronze Star for Valor, the Combat Infantry Badge, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

After returning to Pennsylvania and to Dickinson, he earned his law degree and, later, became one of the first Vietnam combat veterans elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served six terms.



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THE HONORABLE
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Chuck Hagel was the 24th Secretary of Defense, serving from 2013 to 2015. He is the only Vietnam veteran and the first enlisted combat veteran to serve as Secretary of Defense.

Hagel serves on many boards and committees, including the Board of Trustees of RAND; Centennial Scholar, Georgetown Walsh School of Foreign Service; Distinguished Scholar, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Board of Directors of Public Broadcasting Service (PBS); and Advisory Board Chairman of the HillVets Veterans Organization.

He served two terms in the U.S. Senate (1997-2009) representing the state of Nebraska. He was a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations; Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs; and Intelligence Committees. He chaired the Foreign Relations International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion Subcommittee; and the Banking Committee's International Trade and Finance, and Securities Subcommittees. Hagel also served as the Chairman of the Congressional-Executive Commission on China and the Senate Climate Change Observer Group.

Secretary Hagel was a Distinguished Professor at Georgetown University and served on the Secretary of Defense's Policy Board, Secretary of Energy's Blue Ribbon Commission on the Future of Nuclear Power, and Systemic Risk Council Board of Directors.

Before serving in the U.S. Senate, he was president of McCarthy & Company, an investment banking firm in Omaha, Nebraska. He co-founded VANGUARD Cellular Systems, Inc. and was President and CEO of the World USO, and Chief Operating Officer of the 1990 Economic Summit of Industrialized Nations (G-7 Summit).

He is the author of the book, *America: Our Next Chapter*. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha.



Assistant Professor of Political Science,
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MICHELLE BLACK, Ph.D.

Michelle Black, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science for the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

She is the Director of Workforce Development and Education and an Executive Team member and Lead Researcher for the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology and Education (NCITE).

Black is a Research Expert for the National Strategic Research Institute (NSRI) at the University of Nebraska. Her research has been published in leading political science and security journals, including *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict: Pathways towards Terrorism and Genocide*.

Her current research is supporting the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) by developing a multi-actor analysis deterrence methodology, which models state and non-state actors' decision-making preferences within a complex threat scenario.

Black has over 17 years of professional experience with the Department of Defense. She was a government civilian for the Department of the Air Force, specializing in deterrence analysis and adversary decision-making for United States Strategic Command (USSTRATCOM) Plans and Policy Directorate at Offutt Air Force Base.

Black was a U.S. Army Special Operations NCO (Airborne) for the United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) and later a defense contractor. She deployed to Iraq, Kuwait, and Qatar working on counterterrorism campaigns for the U.S. Army.

She received her Ph.D. in political science from University of Nebraska at Lincoln, an M.S. in negotiation and dispute resolution from Creighton University, and an M.S. in international relations from Troy University.

CHUCK HAGEL FORUM

The Chuck Hagel Forum in Global Leadership explores critical issues with global leaders in search of solutions to today's global challenges. This series provides students with an opportunity to engage with Sec. Hagel and global leaders, policymakers, and thinkers.

Hagel said he believes that those who have had the privilege of serving this country through public service owe it to the community and future generations to inform and engage them about leadership, their future, and things that will be important for them going forward. Hagel is a graduate of UNO, and the university is a natural forum in which he can share these opportunities with students and the greater community.

The Chuck Hagel Forum in Global Leadership is the second series launched by Sec. Hagel in partnership with UNO in recent years, acting as a complement to the Chuck Hagel Symposium in Public Service. This symposium, first hosted in March and October of 2018, connects hundreds of high school students from the greater Omaha metropolitan area with university and community experts in a variety of fields, all sharing their perspectives on public service.

Hagel said a leader's job is to leave the institution you came from better than you found it, and he has exemplified this through his continued relationship with UNO.



Atlantic Council

This year's forum is hosted in partnership with the Atlantic Council, a nonpartisan organization that galvanizes U.S. leadership and engagement in the world, in partnership with allies and partners, to shape solutions to global challenges.

Secretary Hagel was Chairman of the Atlantic Council from February 2009 to February 2013, and currently is a Distinguished Statesman, serving as a member of the Council's International Advisory Board.



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